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United States Department of Justice
Washington 25, D. C.**

May 19, 1954

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VIA LIAISON

Mr. Allen W. Dulles
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Administration Building
Room 123
2430 E Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dulles:

Your attention is directed to the case involving Nikolai Eugenyevich Khokhlov, a Soviet defector, who was brought into the United States on May 8, 1954, and who appeared before a Congressional committee on May 11, 1954. Repeated requests through our Liaison Representative have been made for interrogation reports and an opportunity to examine the miniature weapons that Khokhlov and his accomplices were to use in an assassination assignment. On May 11, 1954, we learned through the press that Khokhlov was to be made available to a Congressional committee prior to any interview conducted by this Bureau. In view of the fact that we did not have the benefit of any direct information indicating that Khokhlov had no information concerning current Soviet intelligence operations in this country, immediate arrangements were made whereby a brief interview was conducted prior to Khokhlov's appearance before the Congressional committee.

To date we have not had the benefit of detailed information available concerning Khokhlov, nor have the weapons been made available to us for examination. In view of this most irregular and shabby treatment afforded us in this matter, we strongly protest. Under the circumstances I feel that no good purpose would be served by either further interview of the subject or an examination of the mentioned weapons. It should be clearly understood that Khokhlov must be considered as your responsibility and assurances are requested that in the future defectors such

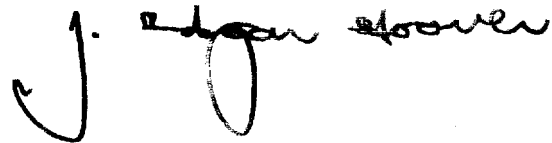
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Mr. Allen W. Dulles
Director
Central Intelligence Agency

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as Khokhlov will be made available for an interview
by this Bureau prior to their being made available to
agencies with no direct intelligence responsibilities.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "J. Edgar Hoover". The signature is stylized, with a large "J" and a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

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